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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500  
For Kris Balaji, Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Morales:

SUBJECT: FY 2002/03 FSTIP Amendment No. 13 – Council of Fresno County Governments (COFCG)

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 13 to the Local Highway Element of COFCG's 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted by your letter dated March 5, 2003. The COFCG adopted this amendment with Resolution No. 2003-09 on January 30, 2003, approving these program modifications and reaffirming the conformity of the COFCG FTIP with the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality.

This amendment was requested to increase construction funding for eight City of Fresno road construction projects. The amendment also programs funds for right of way acquisition for the City of Fresno's Clovis Avenue road widening project.

We accept this amendment in accordance with the provisions of 23 CFR Part 450. We find that this amendment was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the provisions of 23 U.S.C. section 134, and section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 U.S.C. app. §1607). Based on our review, we find that changes made to the COFCG FTIP by this amendment are exempt from the regional emissions analysis requirements pursuant to the provisions of sections 93.126 and 93.127 of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

This finding has been coordinated with the regional office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Region Nine office of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) in accordance with the procedures outlined on the Memorandum of Understanding, dated March 8, 1996, on single mode FTIP amendments.

This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of COFCG's FTIP Amendment No. 13 into California's 2002/03 – 2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

Sincerely,

*/s/ Wade Hobbs*

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